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1. FIRST PERSON NOTE FROM CHARGE BASED ON REFTEL WAS DELIVERED TO
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MFA ON AUG 10. IN FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION ON AUGUST 16 WITH EMBOFF,

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DURING WHICH ADDITIONAL POINTS WERE CONVEYED PER PARA 4 REF-
TEL, MFA ACTION OFFICER (KRUYT, SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AFFAIRS)
SAID THAT HE, AS MFA REP ON INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATING GROUP
ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS MATTERS, WOULD RECOMMEND NETHS PART-
ICIPATION. HE EXPECTED PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, WITH HEALTH MINISTRY,
WHICH HAS COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITY AND THEREFORE LEADING ROLE
IN ALL INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF GON IN NARCOTICS FIELD.

2. KRUYT SAID DEN UYL GOVT IS TAKING BASICALLY SAME APPROACH AS
ITS PREDECSSOR IN NOT UNDERTAKING ANY INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS
IN NARCOTICS FIELD UNTIL NETHS PARLIAMENT HAS HELD DEBATE ON
NETHS NARCOTICS POLICY. SINCE SUCH DEBATE WILL NOT BE HELD UNTIL
SOMETIME IN SPRING OF 1974, HEALTH MINISTRY HAS DECIDED TO REQ-
UEST POSTPONEMENT OF FALL EC MEETING UNDER POMPIDOU INITIATIVE
AND IS THEREFORE RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT US INVITATION FOR PARIS
MEETING. EMBOFF EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR THIS VIEW BUT POINTED
OUT THAT OCT 23-26 MEETING WAS NOT NEGOTIATING SESSION AND THAT
IT WAS NOT ENVISIONED THAT PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE ASKED TO COMMIT
THEIR GOVTS TO ANY COOPERATIVE PROGRAM. EMBOFF REITERATED POINTS
MADE IN EMBASSY NOTE THAT PURPOSE OF MEETING WOULD BE TO EST-
ABLISH CONTACT BETWEEN NARCOTICS SPECIALISTS, EXCHANGE INFO, AND
DEVELOP SOME IDEA OF POTENTIAL (EMPHASIS GIVEN TO THIS WORD) FOR
FUTURE INDIVIDUAL AND COOPERATIVE EFFORTS. KRUYT SAID HE WOULD
BE MAKING SAME POINTS IN DISCUSSION IN INTERDEPARTMENTAL GROUP,
BUT INDICATED HE EXPECTED TOUGH TIME WITH HEALTH MINISTRY.
DRUYT SAID THAT NEW HEALTH MINISTER VORRINCK IS VERY MUCH
INFLUENCED BY LEFTWING THINKING ON NARCOTICS MATTERS AND IS
THEREFORE RELUCTANT TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
INITIATIVE UNTIL GON POLICY IN WHOLE NARCOTICS FIELD HAS BEEN
DETERMINED. KRUYT PROMISED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH EMBOFF ASAP RE
RESPONSE TO USG INVITATION.
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